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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s) : Akira OGINO et al..

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For : INFORMATION-SIGNAL PLAYBACK SYSTEM,  
INFORMATION-SIGNAL READING  
APPARATUS, INFORMATION-SIGNAL  
PROCESSING APPARATUS, INFORMATION-  
SIGNAL PLAYBACK METHOD,  
INFORMATION-SIGNAL READING METHOD  
AND INFORMATION-SIGNAL PROCESSING  
APPARATUS

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**RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR  
ELECTION OF SPECIES**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action which issued in the above-identified  
application on October 10, 2001, requiring an election of species among those species readable  
on Figures 1, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 9, respectively.

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Election  
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It is submitted that claims 1-62 are readable on the above-identified drawing

figures as follows:

Species I, Fig. 1, upon which claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55 read.

Species II, Fig. 3, upon which claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55 read.

Species III, Fig. 4, upon which claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50, and 56-62 read.

Species IV, Fig. 5, upon which claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50, and 56-62 read.

Species V, Fig. 8, upon which none of the claims read.

Species VI, Fig. 9, upon which none of the claims read.

Applicants elect, **without traverse**, Species I corresponding to Figure 1, including claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55, for further prosecution in the present application.

Applicants respectfully disagree with the Examiner and believe that there are only two distinct species in the present application. Therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to revise the requirement for an election of species to identify the species as follows:


Species I, Figs. 1 and 3, upon which claims 1-5, 13-15, 20-24, 32-36, 44-46, and 51-55 read.

Species II, Figs. 4 and 5, upon which claims 6-12, 16-19, 25-31, 37-43, 47-50, and 56-62 read.

Applicants reserve the right to file one or more divisional applications, if necessary, to proceed with the examination of the non-elected claims.

An early examination on the merits of the claims of this application is respectfully  
solicited.

Respectfully submitted,  
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